

BOOK REVIEW

ERIC MADER, MATTHEW SHEPHERD, MACE VAUGHAN, SCOTT BLACK, AND GRETCHEN LeBUHN. 2011. **Attracting Native Pollinators: Protecting North America's Bees and Butterflies.** (ISBN: 978-1-60342-695-4, pbk.). Storey Publishing, 210 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Massachusetts 01247, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.storey.com). \$29.95, 384 pp., color throughout, graphs/tables, 7" × 10".

The Xerces Society has produced a resource perfect for novices wanting to learn more about pollinators and their habitats. As an introductory guide, *Attracting Native Pollinators* assists the reader in learning the roles, importance, and challenges of pollinators as well as basic botanical and entomological terminologies, taxonomies, behaviors, and characteristics. Even though the book describes different types of pollinators, it particularly focuses on insects (bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, and beetles) with an emphasis on native bees.

Attracting Native Pollinators is organized in a way that allows the reader to easily navigate the pages that are relevant to her/his interests. The book is divided into five parts: Pollinators and Pollination, Taking Action (Strategies to help pollinators), Bees of North America, Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Landscape, and an appendix with ideas for educators and parents, glossary, and resources.

The book contains beautifully detailed pictures of the various pollinators and their host plants, which contribute to enhancing the reader's understanding of the material—especially for bee and flower identification. The fourth part of the book includes drawing of sample gardens that can assist the reader with landscape planning. Additionally, *Attracting Native Pollinators* includes a brief but informative regional native plant list. One of the most beneficial resources in this book is the native bee identifier, which includes over thirty pages of information with colorful pictures and illustrations.

While *Attracting Native Pollinators* provides only an overview of the aforementioned topics, it is an excellent resource for home-owners, educators, and novice farmers or land managers wanting to learn more about pollinators and their environments. From this book, the reader can gain the basic tools she/he needs to further research the issues as they pertain to the reader's local environments and needs.

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BOOKS RECEIVED/REVIEWS FORTHCOMING

RICHARD B. PRIMACK. 2012. **A Primer of Conservation Biology, Fifth Edition.** (ISBN: 978-0-87893-623-6, pbk.). Sinauer Associates, 23 Plumtree Road, Sunderland, Massachusetts 01375, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.sinauer.com). \$74.95, 363 pp., color figures, graphs, tables, 7.25" × 9.25".

EMILY MONOSSON. 2012. **Evolution in a Toxic World: How Life Responds to Chemical Threats.** (ISBN: 978-1-59726-976-6, hbk.). Island Press, 1718 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20009, U.S.A. (**Orders:** http://islandpress.org/index.html). \$35.00 (hbk.), \$29.95 (pbk.), 240 pp., 10 figures, notes, index, 6" × 9".

A fascinating look at the evolution of toxic chemicals!

ALEX GEORGE. 2011. **A Banksia Album: Two Hundred Years of Botanical Art.** (ISBN: 978-0-642-27739-8, pbk. flexbound). National Library of Australia, Canberra ACT 2600, AUSTRALIA. (**Orders:** www.nla.gov.au/). \$34.95, 128 pp., color throughout, 9.25" × 11.25".

Beautiful botanical art! Coffee table worthy!

MICHAEL A. HOMOYA. FORWORD BY MARION T. JACKSON. 2012. **Wildflowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests: A Field Guide.** (ISBN: 978-0-253-22325-8, pbk.). Indiana University Press, 601 North Morton St., Bloomington, Indiana 47804, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.iupress.Indiana.edu, 800-842-6796). \$22.95, 438 pp., color throughout, 4.25" × 8.25".